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SUBJECT: POLICE RAIDS ON YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS CONTINUE

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1. SUMMARY: REPORTED FURTHER ARRESTS OF YOUNG CHRISTIAN
WORKERS LEADERS (REFTTEL) BRINGS THE TOTAL TO NINE
NOW BEING DETAINED. WHILE THE REASONS FOR THE CURRENT
POLICE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CATHOLIC AND OTHER CHURCH
ENTITIES ARE NOT KNOWN, MANY OBSERVERS BELIEVE IT IS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNE 16,
1976 RIOTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN JUNE 8 EDITION OF BLACK DAILY
TRANSSAAL POST STATES SIX MORE MEMBERS OF YOUNG
CHRISTIAN WORKERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, BRINGING THE
NUMBER OF THE MOVEMENT'S MEMBERS NOW BEING DETAINED TO
NINE: QUOTE:

THE SIX ARRESTED IN KROONSTAD ARE PETER THELETSANE,

SECRETARY AND A STUDENT AT MPHOHADI TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE, MISS PEACE MOKIKOE, VICE-PRESIDENT AND A STUDENT AT BODIBENG HIGH SCHOOL, JOSEPH DIKOTSI, TREASURER, OUPA MOFOKENG, RAYMOND PETERSEN AND MOTSUMI LECHABANE ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE SECURITY POLICE SEEM TO BE INTENSIFYING THEIR RAIDS THESE DAYS, FOR EARLIER THIS MONTH TWO MEMBERS OF THE YCW WERE DETAINED AFTER THEY HAD ATTENDED A CONFERENCE AT KHAYA HOUSE, PRETORIA. THEY ARE MISS JOYCE MOKHESI OF SHARPEVILLE, AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF YCW, MR. MARCUS RODGERS OF CAPE TOWN. THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF YCW, MR. SIMON MAGALE, WAS ALSO RECENTLY DETAINED.
END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO THE CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER SOUTHERN CROSS, POLICE TOLD CARDINAL OWEN MCCANN, WHO WAS PRESENT WHEN RODGERS WAS ARRESTED, THEY HAD ACTED ON ORDERS FROM PRETORIA. WHILE THE REASONS FOR THE SECURITY POLICE CRACKDOWN ON THE YCW ARE STILL NOT CLEAR, IT HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNE 16 92359 4895 . SOME OBSERVERS ALSO BELIEVE IT MAY BE RELATED TO A CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION AGAINST THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BECAUSE OF ITS POLICY OF CONTINUING TO ADMIT BLACK CHILDREN TO CHURCH SCHOOLS. ACCORDING TO CLEMENT MONTSHO OF THE TRANSPORT AND ALLIED WORKERS
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UNION, SIMILAR MOVES HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS AGAINST OTHER CHURCH BODIES IN SOWETO. MONTSHO SAID AN EPISCOPALIAN PRIEST WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, REMOVED FROM THE PULPIT DURING SUNDAY SERVICES AND WARNED AGAINST ASSISTING STUDENT GROUPS.
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